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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

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DURING CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN EVENING MAY 2, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD HAD TIME STUDY PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD AND THAT HE, LON NOL AND SIRIK MATAK HAD DISCUSSED IT MORNING MAY 2 IN VIEW NECESSITY ISSUING OFFICIAL GOC STATEMENT DUE PRESS PRESSURE FOR SAME. FROM ENSUING CONVERSATION IT VERY CLEAR THAT GOC HAS NO RPT NO REAL DESIRE ISSUE ANY PROTEST. ON CONTRARY, FONMIN STATED THAT THEY LOOK URON US/ARVN INSTRUSION INTO CAMBODIA AS ENFORCEMENT GENEVA ACCORDS, NOT CONTRARY TO THEM. THEREFORE, WHILE NO RPT NO GOC DECLARATION PREPARED YET, I HAVE IMPRESSION THAT WHAT APPEARS WILL CONTAIN REFERENCE TO CAMBODIAN NEUTRALITY, REGRET THAT US HAS SEEN FIT VIOLATE IT BUT ALSO EXPRESSION OF UNDERSTANDING NEED FOR ACTION, AND EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE AND EXPECTATION THAT US/ARVN FORCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION.
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